

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite the term “inhibiting” rather than “minimizing” Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification and in the examples as originally filed. No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 29, 2007, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 6, 9-12 and 14, drawn to a method of treating, preventing or minimizing adhesion formation, classified in class 424, subclass 423+. Applicants elect the following species: minimizing (inhibiting).

Applicants reserve the right to file continuing/divisional applications or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

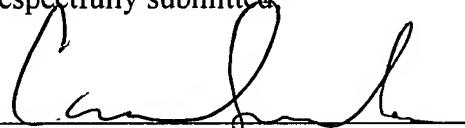
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this response, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same.

Fee deficiencies may be charged and overpayments credited to the NIXON PEABODY LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0850.

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